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BE PREPARED FOR UNEXPECTED, STARTLING EVENTS... WHEN YOU WITNESS THE DEFEATS OF CAPTAIN ATOM!
PLUS
THE ALL NEW
ADVENTURES OF THE ALL NEW
BLUE BEETLE!
-DITKO-

CAPT. ATOM IN

FINALLY FALLS THE MIGHTY!

CAPT. ATOM IS A MENACE!
HARMFUL
DANGER
CAPT. ATOM
THREAT
"MENACE" THUNDERED THE MASSES AND THE ECHO CAME BACK... "MENACE!" ALL LIPS FORM THAT WORD AGAIN AND AGAIN "MENACE" BUT, THAT MENACE STILL LIVES AND BREATHES! THAT MENACE STILL USES HIS GODLY POWERS TO OPPOSE THE FORCES OF EVIL THAT THREATEN THE U.S.! AND WHERE FATE TEAMS UP HUMAN THREATS WITH THOSE OF SUPER SCIENCE; IT COULD SPELL THE END OF CAPTAIN ATOM AND ALL HE FIGHTS FOR!

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AT A PUBLIC EXHIBIT OF THE NEWEST AIR FORCE TECHNOLOGY...
I'VE LEARNED ALL I NEED TO KNOW! NOW I'D BETTER DEPART BEFORE CAPTAIN ADAM RECOGNIZES ME!
THAT MAN LEAVING, GUNNER! IT'S PROF. KOSTE!
ISN'T THAT THE GUY YOU HAD DISMISSED AS A SECURITY RISK?
YES, HE'S LEAVING... BUT I DON'T LIKE HIS BEING HERE!
THE UNIT I WANT IS HERE! WE MUST GET IT NOW... WHILE SECURITY IS LIMITED!
ALTHOUGH I QUESTIONED PROF. KOSTE'S LOYALTY, I COULD NEVER PROVE ANYTHING. CHECK WITH SECURITY...WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!
OUTSIDE THE EXHIBIT...
UNIT IS LOCATED IN SECTOR 8 OF HALL. PROCEED WITH OPERATION SCRAMBLE IMMEDIATELY!
AND ON A NEARBY ROOF TOP...
OKAY, LET'S MOVE OUT!
WHO... ARE THEY?
WHAT THE... ?
AND THE CROWDS STARE IN UTTER FEAR AS ANOTHER COSTUMED FIGURE SEEMS TO MELT HIS WAY THROUGH A SOLID WALL!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER, BUT I'LL MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SUCCEED!
HOW..?
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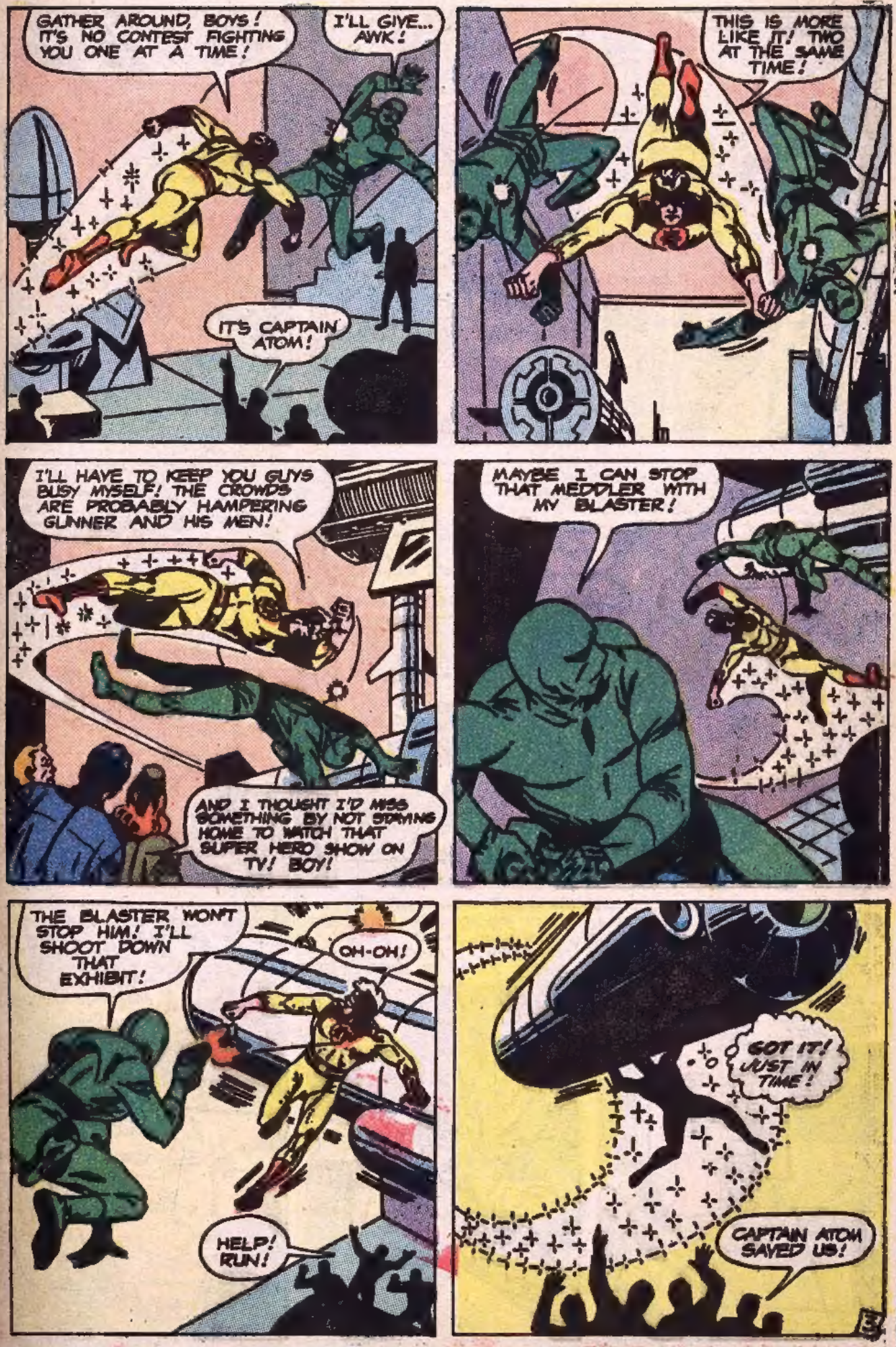
GATHER AROUND, BOYS! IT'S NO CONTEST FIGHTING YOU ONE AT A TIME!
I'LL GIVE... AWK!
IT'S CAPTAIN ATOM!
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT! TWO AT THE SAME TIME!
I'LL HAVE TO KEEP YOU GUYS BUSY MYSELF! THE CROWDS ARE PROBABLY HAMPERING GUNNER AND HIS MEN!
AND I THOUGHT I'D MISS SOMETHING BY NOT STAYING HOME TO WATCH THAT SUPER HERO SHOW ON TV! BOY!
MAYBE I CAN STOP THAT MEDDLER WITH MY BLASTER!
THE BLASTER WON'T STOP HIM! I'LL SHOOT DOWN THAT EXHIBIT!
OH-OH!
HELP! RUN!
GOT IT! JUST IN TIME!
CAPTAIN ATOM SAVED US!

LOOK AT THOSE RATS RUN!
I MIGHT STILL CATCH THEM... WAIT...!
THE BLAST TORE MY PROTECTIVE UNIFORM! RADIATION IS POURING OUT!
CAPTAIN ATOM, GIVE ME YOUR AUTOGRAPH!
NO! NO!
ME, TOO!
THEY MUSTN'T COME ANY CLOSER! AND I CAN'T JET OUT OF HERE... I'D SPREAD RADIATION OVER EVERYONE!
I'VE JUST GOT TO TOUCH CAPT. ATOM!
DON'T!
GET BACK! MY UNIFORM IS LEAKING RADIO-ACTIVITY! GUNNER! MOVE THE CROWDS BACK TO A SAFE DISTANCE!
HE'S GLOWING!
GET THEM ALL OUT OF HERE, GUNNER! I'LL MAKE A BREAK FOR HQ AND THE SPARE UNIFORM I KEEP THERE!
OKAY, FOLKS, EVERYONE BACK! MOVE OUT OF THE HALL QUICKLY!
THIS SHOT WILL MAKE EVERY NEWSPAPER IN AMERICA!
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TURMOIL, PROF. KOGTE RE-ENTERED THE HALL...
WITH ALL THAT CONFUSION OVER THERE, I'VE GOT A CHANCE TO GET THE UNIT MYSELF!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT BUT NO ONE IS PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO ME!
THIS HELPS EVEN THE SCORE WITH CAPT. ADAM. LET HIM EXPLAIN WHY HIS SECURITY FAILED... EVEN WITH CAPTAIN ATOM'S HELP! HA! HA! HA!

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I'M GOING BACK TO THE BASE TO GET THAT SPARE SUIT, GUNNER! CHECK TO SEE IF ANYTHING IS MISSING!
BUT EVEN AS CAPT. ATOM SPEAKS TELETYPES ARE SENDING THE NEWS TO ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, AND SOON...
HERO IS RADIOACTIVE MENACE
AIR FORCE SUPER HERO IS A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC
NEWS TONIGHT CENTERS AROUND CAPT. ATOM... AND THE DANGERS OF HIS RADIO ACTIVITY!
YEAH, THEY SHOULD DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT HIM!
A WORSE THREAT THAN THE REDS!
BAN CAPT. ATOM!
WHY DOES HE WEAR A MASK?
IT WAS BAD ENOUGH WHEN I LEARNED I COULD NEVER LEAD A NORMAL LIFE BECAUSE OF MY POWERS! BUT THIS!
WHAT'S THE GOVERNMENT DOING TO PROTECT US?
WHAT IF HE WENT BERSERK? WE'D ALL BE IN DANGER FROM HIM!
I WAS AFRAID THIS WOULD HAPPEN I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT UP... SOMEHOW!
THE SENATE SHOULD INVESTIGATE!
IT'S PROOF THE CAPITALISTS ARE ENGAGING IN RADIOACTIVE WARFARE!
YES, MR. PRESIDENT, I UNDERSTAND! PUBLIC RELATIONS ARE AT A LOW EBB AND THIS GIVES US A POOR IMAGE ABROAD. WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THIS DISASTEROUS INCIDENT!
I CAN ONLY PUT THESE TWO TOP SCIENTISTS AT YOUR DISPOSAL, CAPT. ATOM! WITH ALL THE HIGH-PRIORITY PROJECTS WE HAVE GOING, AIR FORCE FUNDS ARE LOW!
THEY'LL DO, GENERAL! THANKS!
THESE WIRES FEED THE REACTOR! ONE BREAK, AND THE FLOW OF POWER INTO THE REACTOR COULD BUILD UP TO A CRITICAL STATE!
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I MANAGED TO GET THAT DOSSIER ON KOSTE! THOSE FLYING CHAPS MADE OFF WITH UNIT X-9 FROM THE EXHIBIT!
LET'S SEE IF IT CAN GIVE US A LEAD, SOMEHOW!
LIMMM! PROF. MAX LIPAT WAS ONCE A GREAT FRIEND OF KOSTE! THEY WORKED ON A TOP SECRET PROJECT TOGETHER!
I'M GOING TO CHECK ON LIPAT, GUNNER! PERHAPS THAT PROJECT IS KOSTE'S GOAL!
BUT PROF. LIPAT ALREADY HAS COMPANY...
HELLO, MAX! AREN'T YOU GLAD TO SEE YOUR OLD FRIEND?
KOSTE, YOU MANIAC! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M GOING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR TODAY, LIPAT!
JUST STAY NICE AND QUIET, MAX! DON'T WISH ME LUCK... I WON'T NEED IT!
SOON...
I'M INSIDE BUT I'LL NEVER GET NEAR THE PROJECT UNLESS I CAN PROVIDE SOME DIVERSIONARY ACTION!
CAPT. ATOM! COULD HE SUSPECT...? BUT WAIT- HE COULD BE JUST WHAT I NEED...
GEN. BIBB SAID YOU WERE TO CHECK SECURITY MEASURES, CAPT. ATOM!
LET'S MAKE IT QUICK! I WANT TO TALK TO LIPAT ABOUT KOSTE!
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I'LL CHECK THE NEW REACTOR VIA THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROTECTIVE SYSTEM!
RIGHT THIS WAY, SIR!
WATCHFUL EYES AND ALERT EARS HAVE ALSO MADE THEIR WAY TO THE SECURITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ROOM!
THE REACTOR... THAT'S MY GOAL! I MUST STUDY ITS CONSTRUCTION!
THOSE THINGS GET BIGGER AND MORE COMPLICATED ALL THE TIME!
THE TV EYE FOCUSES ON THE ENTRANCE TO THE REACTOR CHAMBER. EVERY FOOT OF THE WAY IS GUARDED AUTOMATICALLY WITH POWER FROM THE REACTOR!
OUTSIDE, HELICOPTERS PATROL OVER THE MAIN COMPLEX AS WELL AS THE USUAL GUARD SYSTEMS.
ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE OPERATING PERFECTLY! NOW TO GET BACK TO WHAT I CAME HERE TO DO... SEE LIPATI...
CALL GEN. BIBB AND ASSURE HIM THAT EVERYTHING IS A-OKAY HERE! THEN I'LL TALK TO PROF. LIPATI!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER!
I'VE GOT TO RISK DEATH ITSELF! OR I MAY BE TRAPPED ON THIS BASE!
THESE WIRES FEED THE REACTOR! ONE BREAK AND THE FLOW OF POWER INTO THE REACTOR COULD BUILD UP TO A CRITICAL STATE!

AND RISKING HIS OWN LIFE, PROF. KOSTE RIPS AT THE WIRING UNTIL....
GREAT SCOTT, RED ALERT!
IT'S THE REACTOR!
THE CONTROLS HAVE JAMMED! THE POWER IS BUILDING UP OUT OF CONTROL... LOOK!
THE REACTOR IS OUT OF CONTROL! UNLESS WE RELIEVE THE OVERLOAD .... IT'LL BLOW!
EVACUATE THE BASE IMMEDIATELY!
IF THAT THING SETS OFF A CHAIN REACTION, THE WHOLE STATE COULD BE BLOWN OFF THE EARTH!
THE TROOPS AND SCIENTIFIC CREW ARE QUICKLY EVACUATED!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
SHOVE OFF, COMMANDER! I THINK I CAN HALT THE RATE OF BUILD-UP IN THAT REACTOR AND I DON'T WANT YOU AROUND TO WATCH IF I'M WRONG!
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT ONE RADIOACTIVE MENACE CAN DO TO STOP ANOTHER!

THE QUICKEST WAY TO THAT REACTOR IS BY ALTERING MY BODY STRUCTURE AND GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH THE EARTH TO IT!
BUT CAPT. ATOM FINDS THE REACTOR HAS BUILT UP A REPELLENT FIELD!
THE FORCES ARE TOO POWERFUL FOR MY PRESENT STATE!
UNGHH! I COULD BE TORN APART... MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY!
HURLING HIMSELF UPWARD, CAPT. ATOM RE-MATERIALIZES...
HAVE TO GO THE LONG ROUTE...THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE...
A HEAD-ON APPROACH! BUT REACTOR POWER IS INCREASING!
I HOPE I DON'T EXPEND TOO MUCH ENERGY FIGHTING THESE BLASTS...
...I'LL NEED ALL MY POWER TO FIGHT THE REACTOR!
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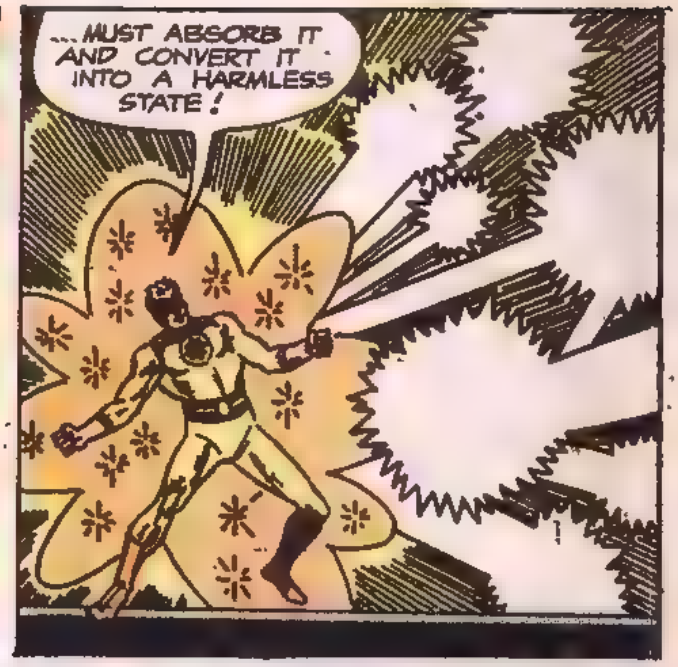
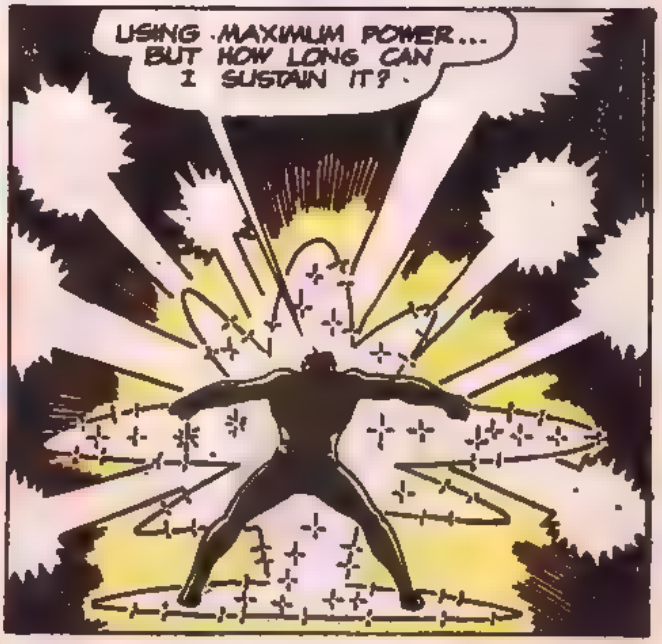
IT'S REACHING CRITICAL STAGE... GOT TO DRAIN OFF THE OVERLOAD!

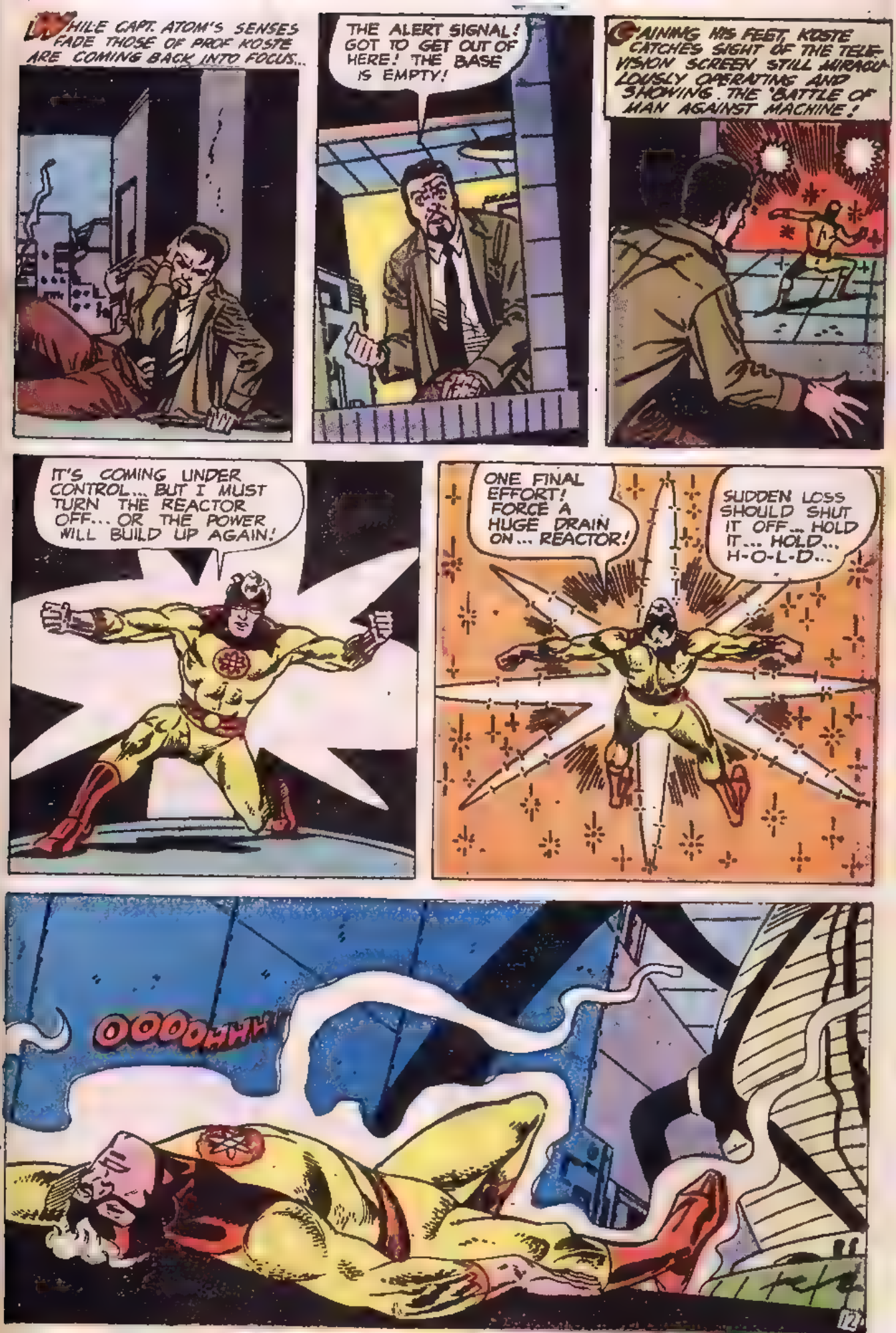

...MUST ABSORB IT AND CONVERT IT INTO A HARMLESS STATE!


USING MAXIMUM POWER... BUT HOW LONG CAN I SUSTAIN IT?

PRESSURE GETTING UNBEARABLE...

...GOT TO HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER!

THE PRESSURE... WILL IT... NEVER... LET UP!
I'M LOSING... CONTROL! AIEEEEEEEE!
STRAINING EVERY FIBER OF HIS BODY, THE MIGHTY CAPT. ATOM FINDS HIS SENSES REELING AND HIS BODY WEAKENING!
SOME...THING... HAS GOT TO... GIVE! THE REACTOR ...OR ME!


WHILE CAPT. ATOM'S SENSES FADE THOSE OF PROF KOSTE ARE COMING BACK INTO FOCUS...
THE ALERT SIGNAL! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! THE BASE IS EMPTY!
GAINING HIS FEET, KOSTE CATCHES SIGHT OF THE TELE-VISION SCREEN STILL MIRACU-LOUSLY OPERATING AND SHOWING THE 'BATTLE OF MAN AGAINST MACHINE!
IT'S COMING UNDER CONTROL... BUT I MUST TURN THE REACTOR OFF... OR THE POWER WILL BUILD UP AGAIN!
ONE FINAL EFFORT! FORCE A HUGE DRAIN ON... REACTOR!
SUDDEN LOSS SHOULD SHUT IT OFF... HOLD IT... HOLD... H-O-L-D...
OOOOHHH
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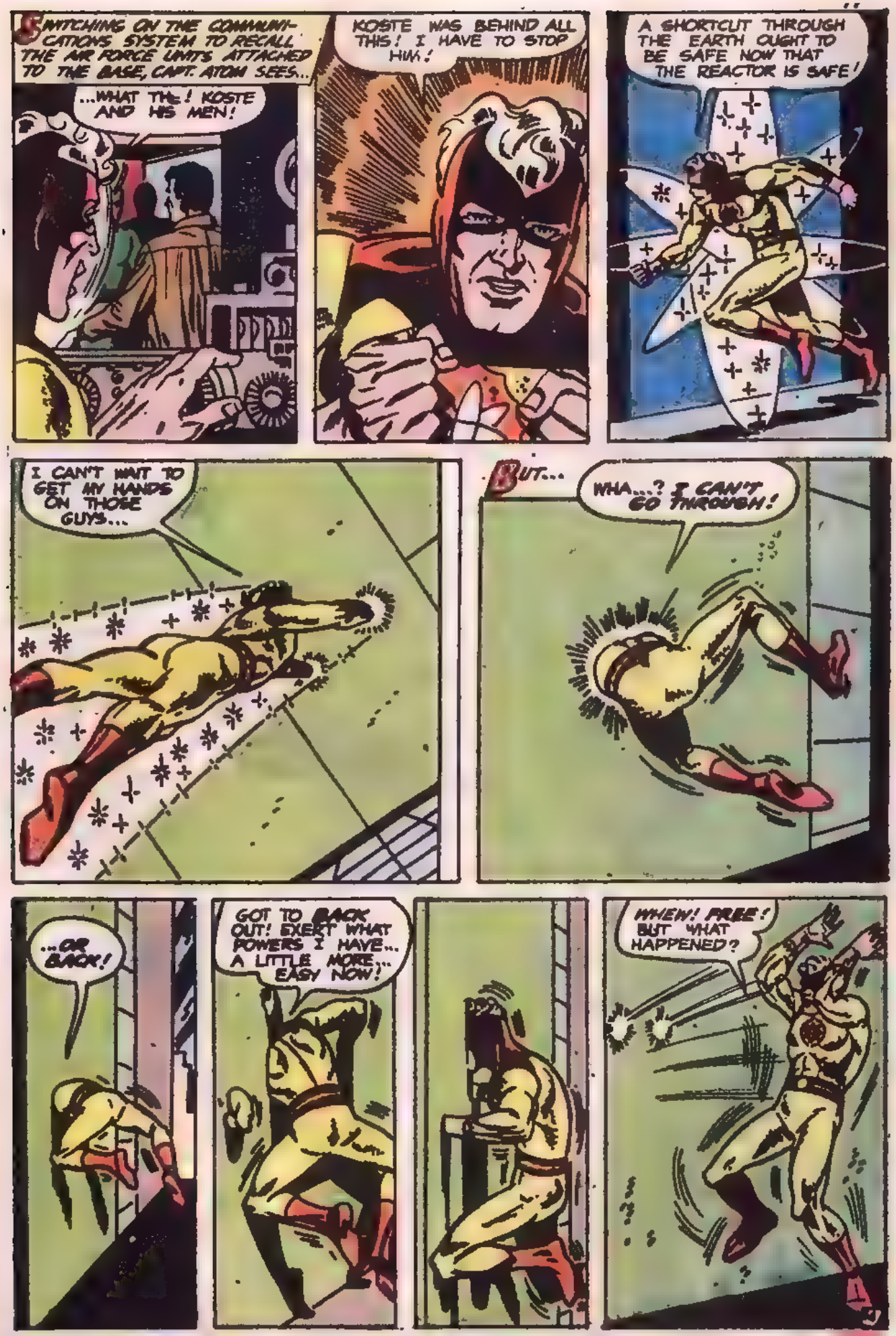
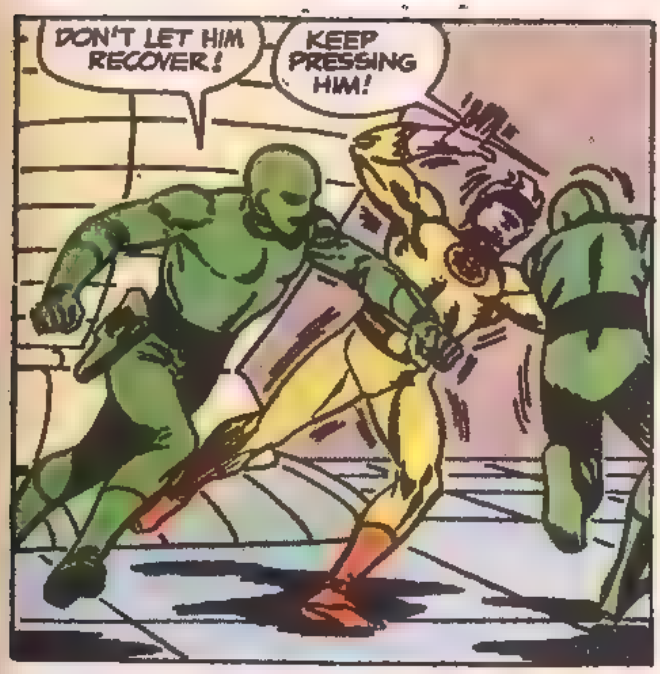
INCREDIBLE, HE DID IT! HE SHUT OFF THE REACTOR AND PREVENTED A CATASTROPHE... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT FINISHED HIM!
I CAN'T WASTE ANOTHER SECOND! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO STUDY THE REACTOR! BETTER CONTACT MY MEN!
IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF THE BASE...
PROF. SAYS WE SHOULD GET UP TO THE BASE PRONTO! ON THE DOUBLE, MEN!
AND SO THE LOW FLYING HOVERCRAFT SLIPPED ONTO THE BASE!
I DON'T KNOW HOW THE PROF. DID IT BUT THE BASE IS EMPTY!
MEANWHILE, BENEATH THE EARTH, CAPTAIN ATOM STIRS...
OHHH! I...I'M STILL ALIVE ...BUT... BUT THE REACTOR...?
I...I DID IT... THE REACTOR IS OFF AND THE DANGER IS GONE!


SWITCHING ON THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO RECALL THE AIR FORCE UNITS ATTACHED TO THE BASE, CAPT. ATOM SEES...
...WHAT THE! KOSTE AND HIS MEN!
KOSTE WAS BEHIND ALL THIS! I HAVE TO STOP HIM!
A SHORTCUT THROUGH THE EARTH OUGHT TO BE SAFE NOW THAT THE REACTOR IS SAFE!
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY HANDS ON THOSE GUYS...
BUT...
WHA...? I CAN'T GO THROUGH!
...OR BACK!
GOT TO BACK OUT! EXERT WHAT POWERS I HAVE... A LITTLE MORE... EASY NOW!
WHEW! FREE! BUT WHAT HAPPENED?

I... I MUST CHECK MY POWER! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CRUSH THIS PILLAR WITH EASE!
IT'S NO USE! I.. CAN'T BUDGE IT!
SOMETHING HAPPENED DURING MY STRUGGLE WITH THE REACTOR... I'VE LOST MY POWER!
HEAR THAT, MEN! WE'RE ON EVEN TERMS! GET HIM!
WITH PLEASURE, BOSS!
KOSTE!
I MAY HAVE NO POWER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO FIGHT!

IT MAY SEEM LIKE THE FOOLHARDY THING TO DO, BUT I'LL FIGHT YOU ALL!
HE CAN'T LAST LONG! WE OUTNUMBER HIM!
STRIKE THREE! YOUR TEAM JUST RACKED UP ANOTHER OUT!
AROUND AND AROUND I GO, AND WHEN I HIT YOU, DOWN YOU GO!
TAG — YOU'RE IT!
HE'S GOT TO BREAK DOWN SOON! HE CAN'T KEEP THIS UP!
WEAKENING... CAN'T TAKE TOO MUCH MORE!
UNGHH! THEY... THEY'RE GETTING TO ME!



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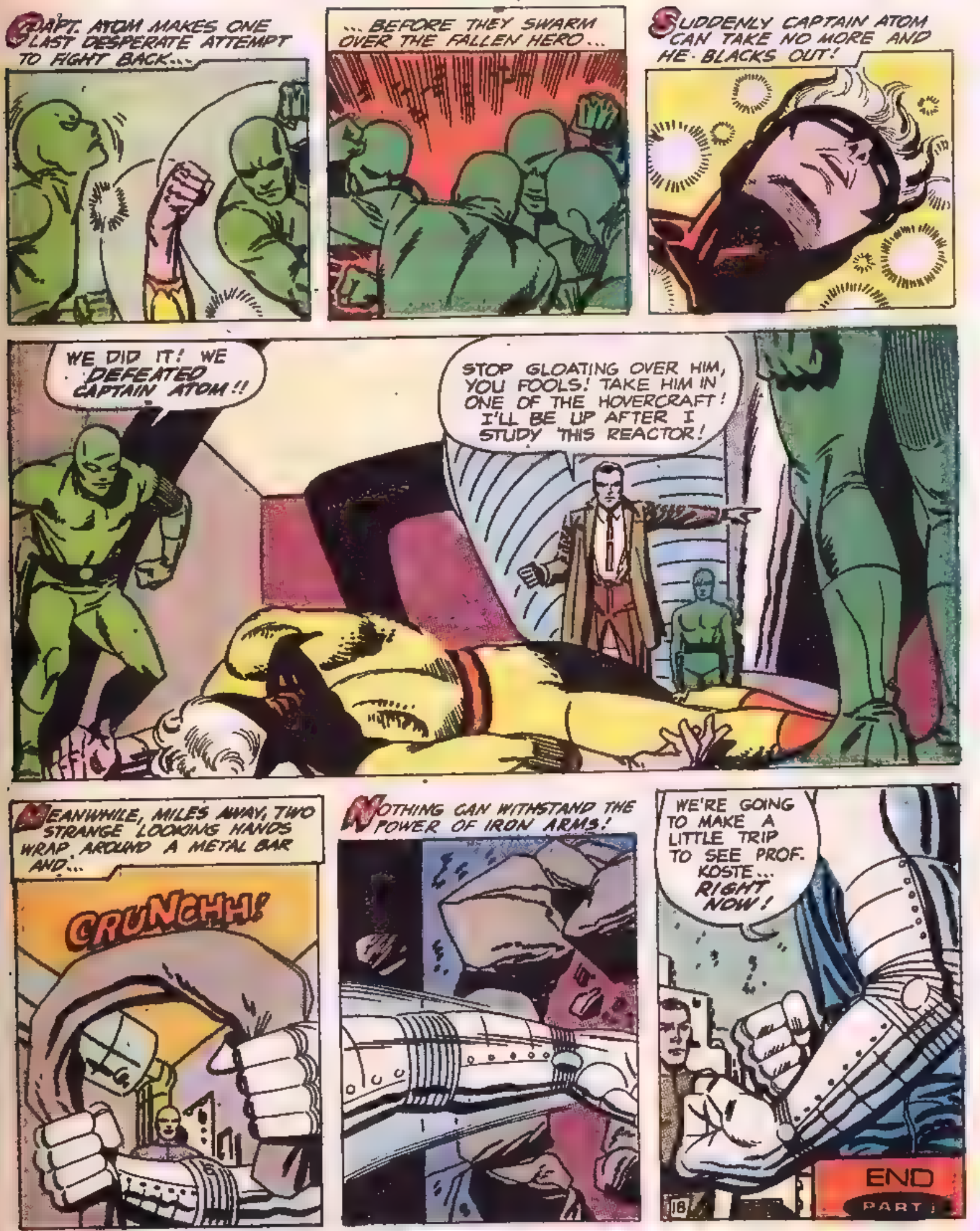
CAPT. ATOM MAKES ONE LAST DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FIGHT BACK...
... BEFORE THEY SWARM OVER THE FALLEN HERO ...
SUDDENLY CAPTAIN ATOM CAN TAKE NO MORE AND HE BLACKS OUT!
WE DID IT! WE DEFEATED CAPTAIN ATOM!!
STOP GLOATING OVER HIM, YOU FOOLS! TAKE HIM IN ONE OF THE HOVERCRAFT! I'LL BE UP AFTER I STUDY THIS REACTOR!
MEANWHILE, MILES AWAY, TWO STRANGE LOOKING HANDS WRAP AROUND A METAL BAR AND...
CRUNCHH!
NOTHING CAN WITHSTAND THE POWER OF IRON ARMS!
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A LITTLE TRIP TO SEE PROF. KOSTE... RIGHT NOW!
END
PART I
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the BLUE BEETLE

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WORLD TENSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CRISES ARE TEMPORARILY FORGOTTEN IN A LARGE SEA-COAST CITY AS MORE DOMESTIC TROUBLES STEAL INTO THE CITY'S LIMELIGHT...

KILLER KO GANG

KILLER KOKE-BANK ROBBERY

KILLER

AND, AS POLICE PONDER THE PERPLEXING PROBLEM INTO THE WEE SMALL HOURS...

HMMMM, THINK I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN TUNE IN ON THE SOUND WAVE MAGNIFYER!

ATOP THE AWESOME VEHICLE, HYPER-SENSITIVE ANTENNAE PROBE ABOUT FOR SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT...

AND INSIDE...

NUTS! WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT! NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF LATE, LATE SHOWS ON TV!

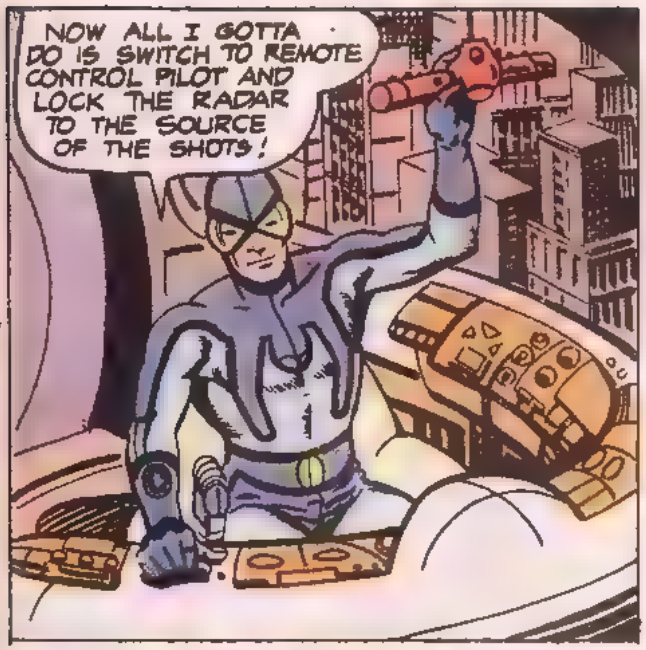
SUDDENLY, AT A BANK SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY, SHOTS BREAK THE EERIE SILENCE, AND THE ALL-HEARING ANTENNAE PLUCK THE SOUNDS FROM THE AIR...

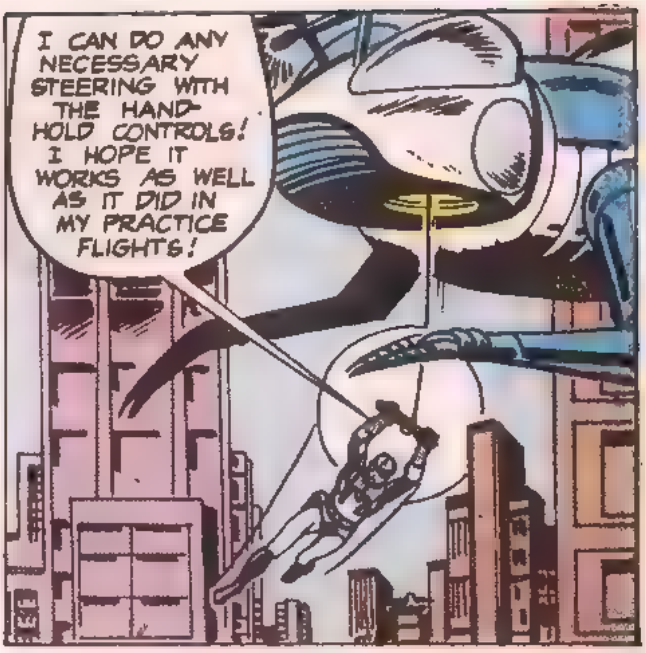
BANG!

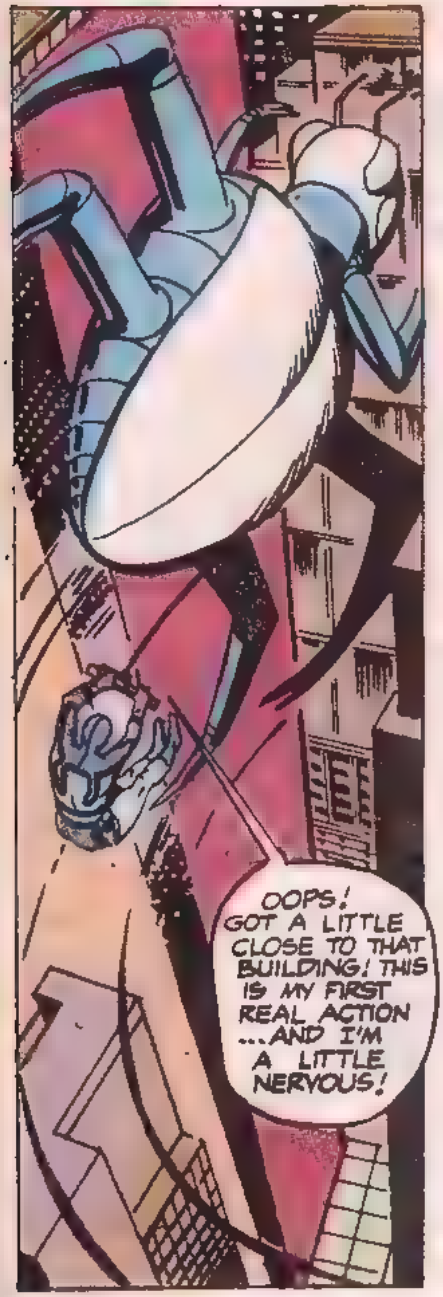
CITY BANK

BANG!

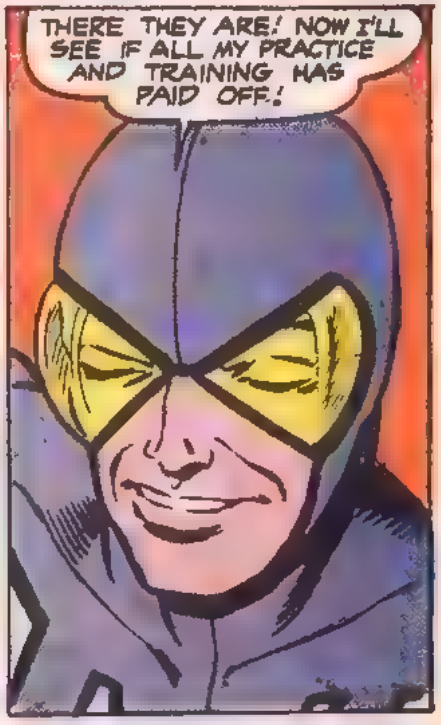
SHOTS! THAT MEANS ACTION! BETTER TUNE IN THE SONIC RADAR AND BE ON MY WAY!


NOW ALL I GOTTA DO IS SWITCH TO REMOTE CONTROL PILOT AND LOCK THE RADAR TO THE SOURCE OF THE SHOTS!


I CAN DO ANY NECESSARY STEERING WITH THE HAND-HOLD CONTROLS! I HOPE IT WORKS AS WELL AS IT DID IN MY PRACTICE FLIGHTS!


OOPS! GOT A LITTLE CLOSE TO THAT BUILDING! THIS IS MY FIRST REAL ACTION ...AND I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS!

UH-OH! THE SONIC-INDICATOR TELLS ME I'M DIRECTLY OVER THE SPOT FROM WHICH THE SHOTS WERE FIRED!


THERE THEY ARE! NOW I'LL SEE IF ALL MY PRACTICE AND TRAINING HAS PAID OFF!

HEY, KILLER, LOOK!
WHAT THE...? LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
GET HIM, YOU GUYS! NO COSTUMED CREEP'S GONNA SPOIL THIS HEIST!
LOOKS LIKE THE BLUE BEETLE IS ABOUT TO 'CRASH' A GOING-AWAY PARTY!

HE SAID HE'S THE BLUE BEETLE!
HE AIN'T THE BLUE BEETLE I ONCE SEEN!
NO I'M NOT! BUT YOU FELLAS WILL BE HURTIN' JUST AS MUCH WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!
I MAY NOT BE THE SAME GUY, BUT MY GOALS ARE THE SAME!
CRAAAACK!
THHWWACK!
NOW YOU SHOULDN'T GO AROUND HITTING PEOPLE FROM BEHIND!
HEY! THIS ACTION BIT CAN BE FUN!
NOT FOR ME... UNNGHH!
WHACK!
I DON'T WANT TO SEEM IMMODEST, BUT YOU GUYS REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH CHANCE AGAINST THE LIKES OF ME!
BIIIFF!
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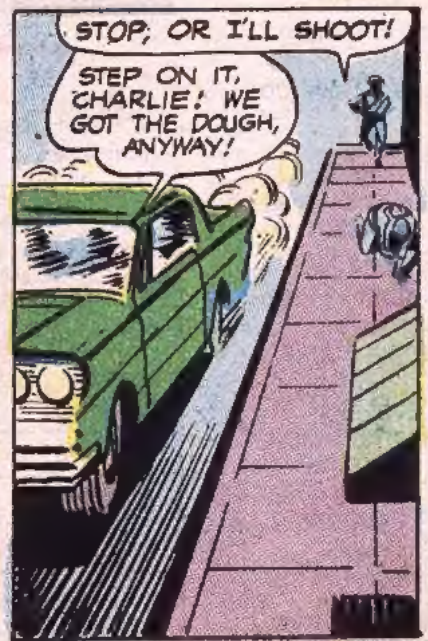

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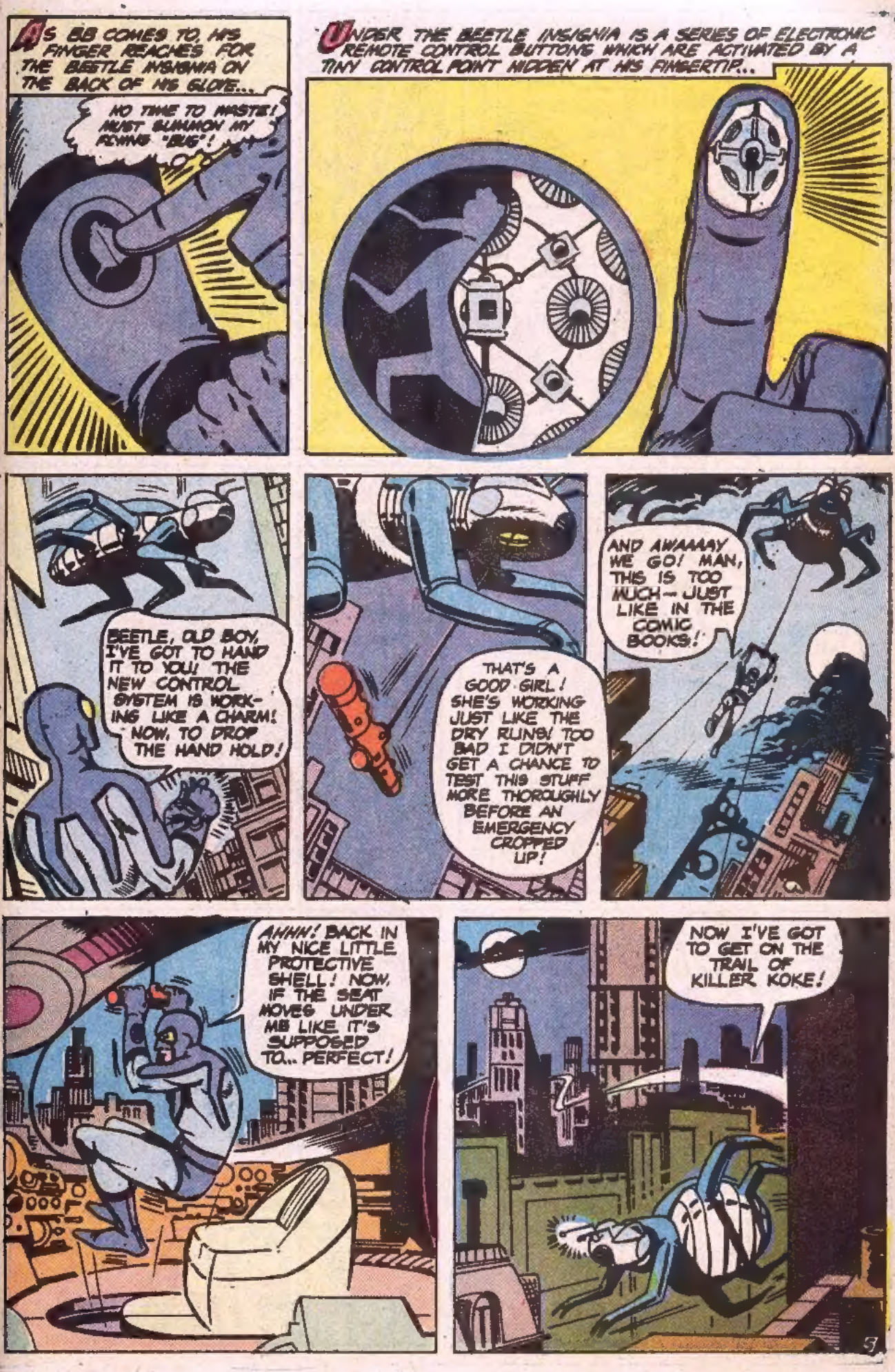
AS BB COMES TO, HIS FINGER REACHES FOR THE BEETLE INSIGNIA ON THE BACK OF HIS GLOVE...
NO TIME TO WASTE! MUST SUMMON MY FLYING "BUG"!
UNDER THE BEETLE INSIGNIA IS A SERIES OF ELECTRONIC REMOTE CONTROL BUTTONS WHICH ARE ACTIVATED BY A TINY CONTROL POINT HIDDEN AT HIS FINGERTIP...
BEETLE, OLD BOY, I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU! THE NEW CONTROL SYSTEM IS WORKING LIKE A CHARM! NOW, TO DROP THE HAND HOLD!
THAT'S A GOOD GIRL! SHE'S WORKING JUST LIKE THE DRY RUNS! TOO BAD I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TEST THIS STUFF MORE THOROUGHLY BEFORE AN EMERGENCY CROPPED UP!
AND AWAAAAY WE GO! MAN, THIS IS TOO MUCH — JUST LIKE IN THE COMIC BOOKS!
AHHH! BACK IN MY NICE LITTLE PROTECTIVE SHELL! NOW, IF THE SEAT MOVES UNDER ME LIKE IT'S SUPPOSED TO... PERFECT!
NOW I'VE GOT TO GET ON THE TRAIL OF KILLER KOKE!

TAKE IT EASY, GUYS! WE GOT IT MADE NOW!
THERE THEY ARE! NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOUR MAGNETIC LEGS WORK, OLD GIRL!
BOSS! LOOK UP THERE!
EASY DOES IT, NOW! GOT IT! HANG ON, FELLAS! WE'RE ALL GOING FOR A LITTLE RIDE!
GET OUT, QUICK!
WITHOUT A PARACHUTE? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING, BOSS!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, BOSS?
TAKE A NAP, BIRD-BRAIN! SHOOT THE BLAMED THING DOWN!
THE NERVE OF THOSE GUYS! THEY'RE ACTUALLY SHOOTING AT ME! WELL, THIS OUGHTA TAKE THE FIGHT OUTTA THEM!
YIIIEEE! HE'S TURNIN' US UPSIDE DOWN!
STOP SHOOTIN', BOYS! HE'S LIABLE TO DROP US!
I...I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD, BOSS!
GEEE, AND I THOUGHT COPS WUZ ALL WE HAD TO FIGHT!
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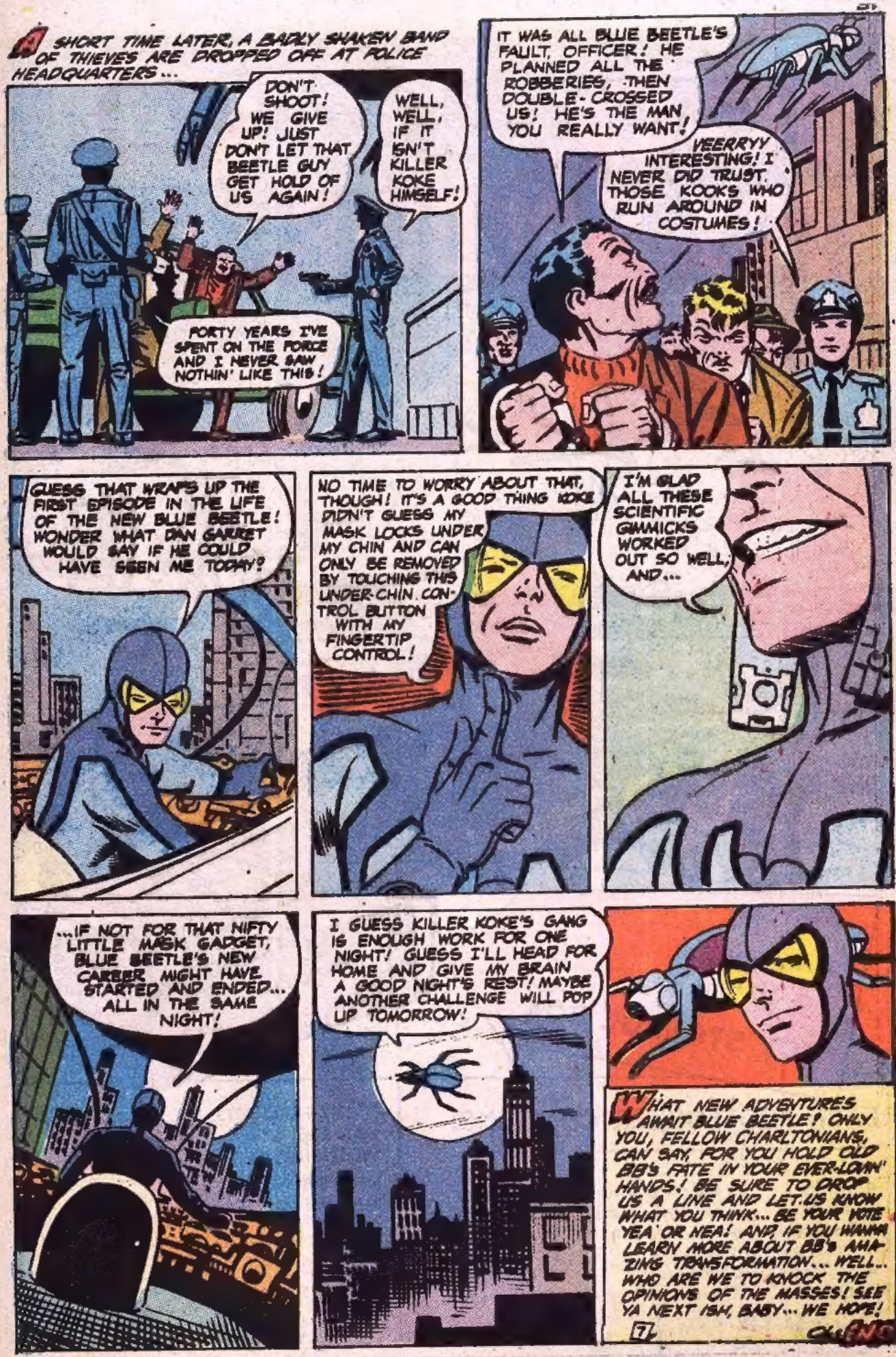
A SHORT TIME LATER, A BADLY SHAKEN BAND OF THIEVES ARE DROPPED OFF AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
DON'T SHOOT! WE GIVE UP! JUST DON'T LET THAT BEETLE GUY GET HOLD OF US AGAIN!
WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T KILLER KOKE HIMSELF!
FORTY YEARS I'VE SPENT ON THE FORCE AND I NEVER SAW NOTHIN' LIKE THIS!
IT WAS ALL BLUE BEETLE'S FAULT, OFFICER! HE PLANNED ALL THE ROBBERIES, THEN DOUBLE-CROSSED US! HE'S THE MAN YOU REALLY WANT!
VEERRYY INTERESTING! I NEVER DID TRUST THOSE KOOKS WHO RUN AROUND IN COSTUMES!
GUESS THAT WRAPS UP THE FIRST EPISODE IN THE LIFE OF THE NEW BLUE BEETLE! WONDER WHAT DAN GARRET WOULD SAY IF HE COULD HAVE SEEN ME TODAY?
NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, THOUGH! IT'S A GOOD THING KOKE DIDN'T GUESS MY MASK LOCKS UNDER MY CHIN AND CAN ONLY BE REMOVED BY TOUCHING THIS UNDER-CHIN CONTROL BUTTON WITH MY FINGERTIP CONTROL!
I'M GLAD ALL THESE SCIENTIFIC GIMMICKS WORKED OUT SO WELL, AND...
...IF NOT FOR THAT NIFTY LITTLE MASK GADGET, BLUE BEETLE'S NEW CAREER MIGHT HAVE STARTED AND ENDED... ALL IN THE SAME NIGHT!
I GUESS KILLER KOKE'S GANG IS ENOUGH WORK FOR ONE NIGHT! GUESS I'LL HEAD FOR HOME AND GIVE MY BRAIN A GOOD NIGHT'S REST! MAYBE ANOTHER CHALLENGE WILL POP UP TOMORROW!
WHAT NEW ADVENTURES AWAIT BLUE BEETLE! ONLY YOU, FELLOW CHARLTONIANS, CAN SAY, FOR YOU HOLD OLD BB'S FATE IN YOUR EVER-LOVIN' HANDS! BE SURE TO DROP US A LINE AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK... BE YOUR VOTE YEA OR NEA! AND, IF YOU WANNA LEARN MORE ABOUT BB'S AMAZING TRANSFORMATION... WELL... WHO ARE WE TO KNOCK THE OPINIONS OF THE MASSES! SEE YA NEXT ISH, BABY... WE HOPE!
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CHARLTON